

IFLA's ISBD Programme: Purpose, Process, and Prospects



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Origins of ISBDs

- Opportunities arising from the automation of bibliographic control and economic necessity of sharing cataloging
- Intended as a principal component of IFLA's UBC program

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Purposes of the ISBDs

- Facilitate interchange of bibliographic records from different sources
- Assist in the interpretation of records across language barriers
- Facilitate the conversion of bibliographic records to electronic form

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Family of ISBDs

- ISBD concept born in 1969
- ISBD(M) published in 1971
- Others followed: Serials, NBM, CM, Rare books, PM, CF/ER, Component Parts, General

("Family of ISBDs" available at:
<http://www.ifla.org/VI/3/nd1/isbdlist.htm>)

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Purposes of Recent Changes to ISBD Procedures

- To enable publication of the ISBDs electronically
- To speed up the review process by using email
- To enable quicker communication of recommendations regarding these drafts to and from the ISBD Review Group

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Procedures for New or Revised ISBDs

- Creation of draft text
- Worldwide review
- Final revision
- Balloting
- Publication and workshop

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First General Review: Purposes

- To harmonize provisions
- To improve examples
- To better accommodate non-Roman scripts
- To review the use of the equals sign
- To develop separate ISBD for “machine-readable data files”

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Second General Review: Purpose

- To ensure conformity between the provisions of the ISBDs and FRBR’s data requirements for the “Basic Level National Bibliographic Record” (BLNBR)
- To revise ISBDs to make optional data elements previously mandatory in accordance with BLNBR specifications

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Second General Review: Progress

- ISBD(M) – Done in 2002
- ISBD(CR) -- Done in 2002
- ISBD(G) – Done in 2003
- ISBD(ER) – To be issued in 2004
- ISBD(CM) – Also expected in 2004
- ISBD(A) – Scheduled for 2005
- (NBM) – Scheduled for 2005
- ISBD(A) – Scheduled for 2005
- ISBD(PM) – 2005 or 2006

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ISBD Review Group Priorities

- Clarify relationship of FRBR terminology in relation to ISBDs; (ISBD-FRBR Mapping, prepared by Tom Delsey)
- Develop guidelines for application of ISBDs to works in multiple formats; (Material Designation Study Group; Lynne Howarth, chair)

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ISBD Review Group Priorities


- Regularize transcription of series statements; (ISBD Series Study Group; Françoise Bourdon, chair)
- Create a consolidated ISBD; (Study Group on Future Directions; Dorothy McGarry, chair)

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ISBD ER: Issues to be resolved

- Area 3: Keep or eliminate?
- Area 5: SMDs or conventional terminology?
- Content vs. Carrier: Allow exceptions?
- Conflicts with ISBD(CR): How to resolve?
- How to deal with GMDs for works in multiple format?


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ISBDs are used internationally with little modification

- Collaborations with national cataloguing code committees (e.g. JSCAACR)
- Successes reflect enthusiastic support and expertise of dedicated professionals

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interest and
attention!

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